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LAUTS, WEGENER & Co.
Hongkong, April 1, 1898. 675
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LUTIGEN, EINSTAMANN & CO., General Agents.
Hongkong, March 31, 1898. 670
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J. GOOSMANN, Liquidator.
Care of Messrs. MEYERSON & Co., Praya Central, Hongkong, March 31, 1898. 673
CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.
NOTICE.
DURING My Temporary Absence from Hongkong, Mr. D. W. GRADDOCK will assume Charge of this Company's Business.
D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Hongkong, April 1, 1898. 703

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H. U. JEFFERIES, Agent, Hongkong, April 1, 1898. 672
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LADIES AFTERNOON TEA
AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL
In the READING ROOM, where the MISTRESS is in attendance Daily.
A. G. GORDON, General Manager, Hongkong, April 1, 1898. 670

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NOTICE.
HONGKONG CLUB.
MR. FAZAL RAHMBOY being about to leave for Bombay, Mr. GURMALLY ABDULLA will conduct the Business and sign the Name of our Firm in China.
G. ABDULLA & Co., Hongkong, April 1, 1898. 677
NOTICE.
HONGKONG CLUB.
MR. ARTHUR LYMAN-MAGGOWAN is authorized to sign our Firm in Hongkong and Canton, by procuration from this date.
BRADLEY & Co., Hongkong, April 1, 1898. 683
BANK HOLIDAYS.
IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY, the 8th April 1898—FRIDAY, the 8th April, MONDAY, the 11th April (EASTER MONDAY).
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T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong.
For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,'
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
For 'The National Bank of China, Limited,'
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager.
For 'The Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,'
JOHN THURBURN, Manager, Hongkong.
For the 'Banque de L'Indo-Chine, Hongkong Agency,'
F. AUGUSTIN, Manager.
For the 'Bank of China and Japan, Ltd., Hongkong,'
E. L. HUNTER, Manager.
For the 'Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd., Hongkong,'
S. CHOW, Agent.
Hongkong, March 31, 1898. 679

NOTICE.
HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, will be held on TUESDAY, the 5th April, at 3 o'clock p.m., at the Rooms of the Chamber, City Hall, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee and passing the Secretary's Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1897.
R. CHATTERTON WILCOX, Secretary.
Hongkong, March 30, 1898. 680

NOTICE.
A FAMILY going to San Francisco by the Fast Steamer in April will give a European Woman First-class Accommodation and a Gratuity, for her services as attendant during the voyage.
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Hongkong, March 25, 1898. 690

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A. G. GORDON, General Manager, Hongkong, April 1, 1898. 670

NOTICE.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., N. J. EDE, Secretary, Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., W. H. PERCIVAL, Agent, North-China Insurance Co., Ltd., W. H. RAY, Secretary, China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents, Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd., J. B. COUGHLIN, Secretary, China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., W. H. T. DAVIS, Manager, The Straits Insurance Co., Ltd., Hongkong, April 1, 1898. 693

WANTED.
AN ASSISTANT ELECTROPLATER BY GILBERT. Apply by letter, giving References and Copies of Testimonials, to the Manager.
Hongkong, March 30, 1898. 693

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 1898.

CHOLERA is prevalent amongst the natives at Tokio and Yokohama.

It is notified in the Gazette that H.E. the Governor has been pleased to re-appoint Mr. Armin Haupt as in charge of the Imperial Russian Consulate.

It is notified in the Gazette that Mr. C. W. Duggan has been appointed a Director of the Widows and Orphans Fund, vice Mr. T. J. Machado, resigned.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alcoa Memorial and Netherlands Hospitals begs to acknowledge the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—

W. Powell, Esq. £20

About 500 Chinese immigrants were arrested by the river police on their arrival at Bangkok by the M. de la on the 23rd March, and the majority of them paid the poll-tax.

This China Gazette of the 31st March says:—War risks on British and Japanese steamers, both going to and coming out from Europe, are now being freely taken by local insurance offices.

The following appointments have been made during the absence of Mr. H. McCallum:—Dr. F. W. Clark to be Acting Secretary of the Sanitary Board, and Mr. C. V. Ladd to be temporary Assistant Secretary to the Sanitary Board.

A coolie who had helped himself too liberally to brass bolts at the Kowloon Dock was brought before Capt. Hastings at the Magistrate's this morning, and sentenced to two months' imprisonment. The theft was detected by the watchman.

A CHINESEMAN, who had snatched another in a shopkeeper's shop in Cochrane Street on the 4th March, was brought before Captain Hastings at the Magistrate's this morning, and sentenced to six months' imprisonment was passed upon him.

The Indian constable who broke his sword over another constable's head in the Police Barracks last week was sentenced, to-day, to six months' imprisonment. This punishment, of course, was not for testing the worthlessness of the sword but for breaking his comrade's head.

To-day, at the Magistrate, Dr. Ball, of the Government Medical Department, charged two ward boys with leaving the Civil Hospital without giving notice. Captain Hastings fined each of the delinquents \$15, giving them the option of six weeks in goal.

On Saturday night, Mr. G. T. Crook, of the Daily Press, was entertained to a farewell dinner in the New Club by his brother journalists in the Colony, on the occasion of his departure on Wednesday next for home by the Empress of China. The chair was taken by Mr. T. Cowen, who referred in highly complimentary terms to Mr. Crook's qualifications as a journalist, and on behalf of the company wished him success in after life. He also presented Mr. Crook with a small token of remembrance of his stay in the Colony and of his fellow-journalists. An enjoyable evening was spent with song and sentiment.

The manufacture of Camanight is one of the local industries of Hongkong that is making steady headway. A ready sale is found for this preparation, not only in Hongkong but in Shanghai and other Treaty Ports, and the promoters of the local factory have every reason to be satisfied with the progress they have made during the past year. The exterior of the Peak Hotel has just been painted with two coats of Camanight, and the attractive appearance of the Hotel is a first-class testimonial for the local product. Experiments, we believe, are being made at Quarry Bay both with the colour wash and oil paints of this Camanight proprietary.

At the Magistrate's this morning a coolie in the service of Mrs. Stainfield, Duddell Street, was sentenced by Capt. Hastings to six months' imprisonment for stealing a gold watch, valued at \$250. When he leaves goal, as there is no system of registration to prevent it, this coolie will have no difficulty in obtaining employment where he will have an opportunity of stealing another gold watch. The consideration shown the criminal Chinese domestic class in Hongkong is simply appalling. Registration would not make the servants honest, but it would make it difficult for a Chinaman with a bad record to obtain employment in the Colony. In England, the registry-system has a beneficial influence, since no keeper of a Servants' Registry would retain on his or her books the name of a servant who was reported to be dishonest or who, for other reasons, was frequently out of employment. We have registration in Hongkong for public chair coolies and Chinese in other spheres of labour, but strange to say, there is no registration for private chair coolies, who are probably the most insatiable class of Chinese in the Colony, and none for domestic servants. It is no wonder, therefore, that there is so much worry in European households over the Chinese servants, and wonder that petty pilferage is constant and serious crime not infrequent.

Yachtmen at Sea Docks.—At 10 o'clock, on the 3rd inst., the following yachts were in the docks:—H.M.S. Malaria Augusta, Tordenskjold.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

(Supplied to the "China Mail.")

SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.
It is semi-officially stated in Madrid that an agreement has been established between Spain and the United States covering the questions of the Maine disaster and the recovery of the vessel and securing means for locating durable peace in Cuba. The United States papers are sceptical about the agreement, and state that the Spanish reply is evasive and inconclusive, and that war is inevitable unless it is amended.

GREAT BRITAIN AND RUSSIA IN CHINA.

Mr. Curzon, in reply to questions, said that Count Muraviev, on the 16th March, had assured Great Britain that Port Arthur and Tientsin would be opened to trade like other Chinese ports, and that Russia had not since withdrawn the assurance.

THE REVENUE.
The revenue for the year shows a net increase of £2,461,110.

(L'Avant du Tonkin.)

FRANCE AND CHINA.

M. Pachelet Groussier has questioned the Ministry on its foreign policy. M. Hanotaux, the Foreign Minister, defended the policy, and on the subject of China stated that France had demanded advantages analogous to those granted to other Powers with a view to assure the safety of Indo-China. He hoped for a happy termination to the negotiations that were being conducted in Peking and in Paris.

The Chamber of Deputies passed the usual vote of confidence.

HONGKONG BEING WATCHED.

The hasty mobilisation of the British squadron has taken place at Hongkong.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:
On the 4th at 11.35 a.m. the barometer has fallen on the E. coast of China, rising on the S. coast. Pressure remains high over N. China with moderate gradients on the coast and in the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—fresh or moderate N. and N.E. winds; fair.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

ANNUAL DINNER.

The fourth annual dinner of the Hongkong Football Club was held on Saturday evening last at the Hongkong Club. Dr. J. M. Atkinson, P.C.M.O., presided. During the evening, the bagpipes, tokens, and the six-sided challenge cup were presented. Messrs. Moberley, H.K.R., W.D. Mayson, and C. T. Kew were awarded badges for specially useful play in the Association game. The Six-sided Challenge Cup was won by Mr. Moberley's team, and, in consequence, the following players were awarded tokens:—Messrs. H. S. Moberley, H.K.R., A. Brooke-Smith, W.D. Mayson, F. B. Deacon, E. E. Deacon, and C. W. Gordon, W.Y.R.

A very pleasant evening was participated in by a large number of members.

The following was the programme:—

Tost The Hongkong Football Club.
Proposed by Mr. H. E. POLLOCK.
Responders:—Mr. H. W. LOCKER (Capt. Assoc.).
Lieut. F. G. DAVIES, B.A. (Capt. Rugby.)
Resolution Mr. H. E. POLLOCK.
Presentation of Badges, Tokens, and the Six-sided Challenge Cup.
Tost Other Football Clubs in Hongkong.
Proposed by the Chairman.
Respondent:—Lieut. R. G. PARKER, R.O.R.
Entertainment on the Graphophone by Dr. Jordan.
Tost The Chairman.
Proposed by Mr. E. D. SANDERS.
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

AMONG all ecclesiastics and missionaries at the death of any doubter, we are not aware that any doubt has been cast on their ultimate salvation. The Rev. Thomas Chalmers, however, who is a leading Wesleyan minister, has been bold enough to discuss whether they will go to heaven. His conclusion is that they will, but that they will not have the same enjoyment of the future life as awaits the acceptable preacher, for perhaps there will be a difference between the place where men like some we have of late will dwell and the abode of those who have made religion to be absorbed because their preaching was so lifeless and dreary. He further suggests that it would be a just recompense if they were required to listen to dull preaching in the world to come. The idea of a "Fardine" in one section of which dull preachers take it in turn to discourse to one another may heartily be commended to the next Dante.

We understand (says the Singapore Free Press) that in spite of Mr. Austin's hammer-laid statement in the House of Commons that the Japanese does not intend to go through the Suez Canal, naval men do not quite hold that view. At any rate the steps that had to be taken to get the Victorious lightened sufficiently to enable her to be sent through from Port Said to Suez were of a very complete order. She had to go through with practically empty bunkers and boilers, the contents of the magazines were discharged into ligatures, her chain cable was similarly discharged and all other available weights, while her light guns were all run forward to bring her on an even keel as she passed through the Suez Canal, with all her weights on board, presumably including extra ammunition, she drew almost 90 feet, but she was about a foot-and-a-half over the draught assigned to her as a vessel. The unfavourable weather that prevailed at Port Said accounts for much of the delay in getting the ship through the canal.

Yachtmen at Sea Docks.—At 10 o'clock, on the 3rd inst., the following yachts were in the docks:—H.M.S. Malaria Augusta, Tordenskjold.

FRANCE AND SOUTH CHINA.

BRITISH AND FRENCH GUNBOATS CLEARED FOR ACTION.

EXCITING INCIDENT IN HONGKONG HARBOUR.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Hongkong, March 29

The assertions of the Tonkin papers, the French gunboat still remains inactive in the Hoihow Harbour. Meanwhile, we have rumours of all kinds in circulation among the natives of Hainan, who are almost, if not unanimously, opposed to the French occupying the island. One report had it that the French intended to land on a certain day. The day appointed has passed by about a week. Reports have been circulated that there is war between France and England. A more probable report has it that there are French war vessels in Kwang-chow Bay. The fearful minds of the natives are like that the Chinese maidens waiting for her bridegroom, with nothing to do in the premises but to accept her fate when it arrived. The English gunboat which has been in the harbour appeared to them like the go-between who was on hand to see that the ceremonies were properly carried out.

The French and English war vessels lie not far distant from each other, and that they are under proper naval discipline was proved by an incident that occurred recently. About eleven o'clock one night, the French Captain gave the order to clear for action, apparently for the sake of the prize. The order was hardly announced before the English Captain gave the same order, and it seemed that hostilities were about to begin. Pacific signals were, however, soon exchanged, and peace reigned.

THE INSURRECTION IN SOUTH HAINAN.

The insurrection in the South of the island has been checked. It at no time exceeded the limits of the Ngai Chow district. The only missionary in that region resided near where the plunderers made an attack, so near that he could hear the shots and shouts of the attacking party, yet he remained caring for the wounded till the Chinese drove the Lois back into the hills. He cared for the wounded among his Chinese neighbours, and when they had recovered he left with his family for America. The insurrection had, as far as we can learn, no organization, and was carried on principally for plunder.

A RICE Famine.

With all these international complications, we are almost in a state of famine. Rice is about double the price that it was at this time last year. A charitable association in Canton has sent in rice to be sold at a reduction, the local mandarin is also importing rice to be sold to the poor, under certain restrictions, at a reduced price. It is said that \$10,000 worth of rice has been thus distributed at a reduction of 40 per cent from the local market price. The weather is very dry, and the promises, therefore, for the next crop are not good. The killing of animals is prohibited, and the mandarin are praying for rain. The high price of rice has led to considerable lawlessness in different parts of the island. The robberies have been mostly carried out by discharged soldiers.

TRADE POSSIBILITIES IN HAINAN.

We hope that the recently published opening up of the inland waters will be the means of speedily putting existing steamers around this island, for the adverse winds and currents, and the unseaworthiness of the native craft, to say nothing of the pirates which infest its shores, combine to make the present means of communication so unsatisfactory, that the coast is paralysed with roads over which all kinds of goods are carried d-by coolies. With steamers running around the island, these roads would become unfrequented village paths for most of the year. Light draft steamers between here and Hongkong could find a profitable trade, by calling at the populous centres en route on the coast: Lu-chow, Su-tung, Tin-pak, and Yeong-kong, and among the places, which the writer has visited on this route, which would offer a growing trade for such steamers. It would be difficult to name anything which would materially benefit the people and develop trade more than the opening up of this kind of intercommunication.

The amount of Chikuzen and Buzen coal brought into Wakamatsu during last month by land and sea exceeded, according to the Osaka Asahi, 300,000 cwt., showing an increase of 30 million cwt. over the previous month. The quantities transported from Wakamatsu to Moji, Osaka, and Kobe, last month aggregated 288,471,392 cwt., showing an increase of 18,700,000 cwt. over the previous month. The number of vessels employed in the transport of this coal totalled 2738.

The Japan Mail of the 25th March says:—The death occurred at the Grand Hotel on Wednesday night, of Mr. James Heelis, a gentleman belonging, we understand, to Manchester, England, who was on a trip round the world. Mr. Heelis arrived in Yokohama from Kobe only a few days ago, suffering from dysentery, and was attended by Dr. Hall. He was to have left for England by the S. S. Empress of Japan to-day, but he was accompanied by any of his relations or friends.

American folly is to be added to the account of the millionaire Mr. George Gould, the son of the atrocious Jay, and himself a jay of another variety, is having a gold-plated staircase and balcony built. This seems to reach the limits of extravagance, although, of course, it is still open to the question of whether it is a waste of money. Gould gives his first dance in his new home, he must not be surprised if some of the guests are not out on the stairs being placed in the way.

THE SALE OF POISONS IN HONGKONG.

PROPOSED NEW BY-LAWS.

The subject of the sale of poisons has received some discussion privately in Hongkong recently and has also been mentioned at the meetings of the Sanitary Board. At its next ordinary meeting the Board will consider the following draft by-laws to be made under sub-section 22 of section 13 of Ordinance 24 of 1887, for regulating the manufacture and sale of poisons and the sale of unpoisoned and adulterated drugs:—

All the articles named or referred to in the List, both in Part I. and Part II. of the List, within the meaning of these by-laws.

SALE BY RETAIL.

(1) Relating to Part I. and Part II. of the List.

It is unlawful to sell any 'Poison' by retail, unless the vessel, wrapper, or cover in which it is contained, be distinctly labelled with the name of the article, the word 'Poison,' and the name and address of the seller. This applies to all the articles in both Parts of the List.

(2) Relating to Part I. only.

It is unlawful to sell, by retail, any person included in Part I. of the List, to introduce by any means any such article into the Colony, or to cause to be made an entry in a book, to keep for that purpose, of:—

1. The date of sale;

2. The name and address of the purchaser;

3. The name and quantity of the article sold, and

4. The purpose for which it is stated to be required; to which this signature of the purchaser, and the name and address of the person, who introduced him, shall be affixed.

The article must also be labelled with the name of the article, the word 'Poison,' and the name and address of the seller.

(3) Relating only to Arsenic and its Preparations.

It is unlawful to sell arsenic or any of its preparations, unless, in addition to all the foregoing regulations, the following provisions be also observed:—

1. That the poison, if colourless, be mixed with such red or indigo, so as to colour it.

2. That the person to whom the poison is sold or delivered be of mature age.

3. That the occupation, as well as the name and address, of the purchaser be entered in the 'Poison-book.'

4. That when the purchaser is not known to the seller, and is introduced by some person known to both, the name of the introducer, and shall enter his name and address in the 'Poison-book.'

(4) None of the foregoing regulations apply to any article when forming part of the ingredients of any medicine dispensed by a registered medical practitioner, or to any article when forming part of the ingredients of any medicine included in Part I. or Part II. of the List, that the ingredients of the medicine, together with the name of the person to whom it is sold or delivered, be entered in a book kept for that purpose ('Prescription-book'), and that the name and address of the seller be entered in the 'Poison-book.'

(5) A certain number of persons to be registered to sell Poisons under these regulations.

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A list of poisons with the meaning of these by-laws is appended in two parts.

CARL HERTZ, THE CONJURER.

CONJURING EXTRAORDINARY.

Personally, we have little faith in the puff preliminary. A long experience of disappointments, has made us somewhat sceptical of the belauded public entertainers, and we invariably flee from him as we, in like manner, skip the patent medicine advertisement. Carl Hertz has been the subject of much preliminary puffing—too much, we think. A conjuror of his ability could very well make his way without these extravagant aids to judicious advertising. We went to see his entertainment on Saturday night, and found him to be fully justified in his claim to be a conjuror, that it had in itself sufficient merit to warrant its hearty commendation to the public.

The first portion of the programme consisted mainly of clever planning by Hertz, and some of the tricks were very wonderful, and accomplished with the smartness and smoothness of the well-trained conjuror. The second part consisted of two songs by M. de l'Alton, 'Don't be Cross,' and 'Susanne,' the latter a Coon song.

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A CLEVER 'COLOURFUL' IMITATION!
 Mr Rudyard Kipling, as was to be expected, received a very warm welcome on his arrival with his family at Cape Town, but the most interesting feature of it is undoubtedly a set of verses addressed to him by a private in the ranks, and called 'An Experiment in Imitation.' They appeared originally in the Cape Times, and we take them from the Standard and Digest.

I suppose you know the station, for you sort of keep in touch
 With a Tommy who's over 'o may go;
 An' you know our 'Jat's' a shandy, made of 'Ottentoot'-Dutch.
 It's a language which is 'devious' an' low,
 Don't you know?

That it's 'Wachtien-batje' 'stead of 'Arfa' no?
 We should like to come an' meet you, but we can't without a pass;
 Even then we'd 'adly like to make a fuss;
 For out 'ere they've got a notion that a Tommy ain't a class;
 'Tis a sort of brainless animal, or wuss!

Vicious cuss!
 No, they don't expect intelligence from us.
 You've met us in the tropics, you've met us in the Punjab an' the 'Tis.
 You've seen us in Mauritius where the naughty cyclops blows,
 You've met us underneath a con that kills.
 An' we grills!

An' I ask you, do we fill the blood in the 'Tis?
 Since the time when Tommy's uniform was 'muckered an' wig,
 There's always been a bloke wet 'at a way
 Of writin' of the Glory an' forgettin' the 'Tis.

'Oo saw 'im in 'is tunics by day,
 Smart an' gay.
 An' forgot about the smallness of 'is pay!
 But you're our particular author, you're our patron an' our friend,
 You're the poet of the cuss-word an' the swag.

You're the poet of the people, where the redoubt lands extend,
 You're the poet of the jangle an' the 'Tis.
 An' compare
 To the over-speaking word of every where!
 Mr Kipling, we should say, has a possibly dangerous rival in this poetical 'Tommy.'

THE fine batting and good wickets of the present day are doubtless the cause of the improved condition of modern bowling, but the acquisition of the modern bowling, both long and patient training, but a physical capacity and natural aptitude such as are not given to every man. Further than this, nerve, good temper, and pluck are quite indispensable. It is a question whether he who bowls as well as a boy, also bowls as well as a man, as the attendant strain is certainly severe, but the writer certainly developed in youth some of the break and spin which have helped him to his later successes. The first thing in bowling is to bowl straight and to bowl a length, and this power is precisely natural and not acquired, though nature requires the assistance of perpetual practice. But the bowler, whether born or made, should cultivate or acquire a high action and a good swing of arm and body, as such a delivery will make the ball rise quickly and perpendicularly from the pitch; but the action must at all costs be easy and free, qualities which neither direction nor collection must allow to disappear. For every practice nothing is better than to bowl the ball as high as possible without strain, at a distance of paper, the size of a crown-piece, placed at the proper distance from the wicket. It is impossible to state exactly what this distance is, as it depends on the pace of the bowler and the height of the wicket, so saying nothing of the height and play of the batsman; but on a fair true wicket the bowler, if he is a fast bowler, should try to pitch the ball about four to five yards from the popping crease, not less, for a batsman of about 6 ft. 10 in. height, the pitch being about 6 ft. 6 in. high, the batsman is tall or short, but to bowl, as some men do, about six or seven yards from the crease is to bowl with the idea of hitting, or at least frightening the batsman, which is contrary to the spirit of the game.

The bowling of the present day is largely affected by the perfect wicket, which is regarded, this perfection accounting in the main for the large scoring. They render the bowler's task hard indeed. More straightness, in consequence, is almost useless unless the bowler has some variation at his command. On an ordinary wicket he has to contend with a ball which is not only straight, but is also a half-volley, or at any rate it is half-volleyed to be driven. In England it is a hard task to bowl out good batsmen, but in Australia that task becomes hard indeed. The paucity of really good bowlers compared with the number of first-class batsmen is a matter for surprise and regret. The reason is not far to seek, and may be found in the fact that such more players are derived from learning to bat than to bowl, and in the case of amateur the ball is almost neglected. T. Richardson in the Encyclopedia of Sport.

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Hongkong Tide.

The Tide Table given below has been compiled by the Nautical Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1887-88.

The zero of the table is Low Water Ordinary Spring Tides, which has been found to be 4 feet below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 5 ft. 7 in. and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 ft. 9 in. the height given in the table.

8th to 11th April.

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FORTUNES BY ACCIDENT.

HOW A CAPTAIN MADE A MILLION BY CARREYING ONE YASHEENOFF.

If there is anything that makes a poor, toiling man happy it is to read about dukes that have made fortunes. For instance, there was a captain of a vessel, flying between English and Australian ports, who made a lucky strike when convicts were taken to New South Wales.

A 'time-expired' man came to the captain and begged to be taken home. The former convict had no money, but he would gladly give his plot of land for transportation.

The captain accepted the terms, and great is the joy of his descendants, for that plot is now occupied by a yacht and is valued at \$1,250,000.

A Liverpool laborer believed himself to be ruined by a fire that destroyed his shop. The next day he found this offspring that had been in the fire. Curiosity prompted him to open the canisters. He found that the action of the flames had materially improved the aroma and pungency of the snuff. The discovery made him very rich.

The discovery of the Mount Shesh mine was purely a fluke, and its output of gold is the greatest of any mine in the world except in the Klondike district.

A bank clerk in London heard that there was a rich deposit of gold at a certain place at the Cape of Good Hope. He set about forming a provisional syndicate among his fellow-clerks, and they raised about \$1500 among themselves. A mining engineer was sent out. He made a thorough investigation, but found no gold. He had decided to give up the search and was ready to leave for home, when he ran across a miner.

'Well, stranger,' he said, 'I guess you are on a hunt for the shiny. Taint here, bust.'

'Have you a claim here?' asked the engineer.

'Yes; and I want to make tracks up the country. That's my claim over by that canyon jump. You can have it for \$1000, and here's a sample of the quartz. That claim ain't worth its weight in gold, but it's worth every dollar I ask for it.'

The engineer examined the specimen and decided that there was gold in it. He told him.

'I'll give you \$50 on the risk of losing it.'

The bargain was struck and the claim carefully explored. An abundance of gold was found in the most unlikely veins. To-day the syndicate's first haul of which is \$300,000, are worth \$300,000 each.

A DOCTOR'S MISTAKE.

DEATH FROM A PRESCRIPTION.

A more painful story, says the Times of India of the 5th March, of negligence leading to death was never told than that which is set forth in a Resolution issued by the Punjab Government upon the death, by accidental poisoning, of a medical practitioner, Mr. Maclean, Superintendent Engineer.

The patient was Surgeon-Major Dennis, the Civil Surgeon of Delhi. The prescription was a strange history. Dr. Dennis says that he was talking to his patient while he was writing it, and that by an unconscious slip of the pen he wrote the words 'Elix. Nux Vomica' instead of 'Elix. Nux Vomica.' The dose was prescribed as being 10 minims. And this mistake was the second that Dr. Dennis had made in writing out the prescription.

The first involving over the prescription, he discovered that he had omitted the nuxvomica altogether, and it was by way of correcting an already carelessly written prescription that he made this deplorable blunder. And a third correction had to be made when he found that in writing the symbol for the dose he had written it a stroke short. Lastly, a fourth correction was made by striking out one ingredient and substituting another. It is evident that Dr. Dennis, when writing the prescription, may have had his attention diverted, upon anything in the world except the serious business he was engaged in. Next comes the hospital assistant, a native, whose duty it was to see that prescriptions in which poisons were included were dispensed under his personal supervision. This man connected to the fatal issue by having the keys of the poison cupboard with his servant, and thus making them accessible to the compounder, whom he had told, in violation of departmental rules, that in case of an urgent demand he might make up a prescription containing poison on his own responsibility. Lastly comes the compounder, another native. The mystery of an impossible prescription as one ordering 160 minims of extract instead of tincture of nuxvomica must have been no mystery to him. He applied such thinking faculty as he possessed to the problem before him, concluded that for minims he had only to read grains, and the thing was as plain as a pike staff. And thus poor Mr. Maclean was hurried to his death and ten minutes after taking this death-dealing dose of one hundred and sixty grains of extract of nuxvomica.

The Government thus punished the three contributors to the catastrophe. The compounder, who made one mistake, is dismissed from Government service. The Civil Surgeon, who acknowledges to have made at least four, and without whose care and fatal blunder would not have been perpetrated, is simply transferred to a smaller station, while the hospital assistant is put into a lower class for two years.

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